

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 11, 2019**



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019**

5:30 P.M. Dawn Sager  
Intentions of Jason Skorubski  
Intentions of Ernest Poeggel

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Margaret & Carl Hivish  
Intentions of Sandy Weigand

10:00 A.M. John Nazzaretto

Nancy Ford

12:00 P.M. Elaine Arendas

**MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019**

8:00 A.M. Dan & Charlotte Bolen

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019**

8:00 A.M. Mary Kelly

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019**

9:00 A.M. Susan Evangelista

7:30 P.M. James J. McEntee, Jr.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2019**

8:00 A.M. James J. McEntee, Jr.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019**

5:30 P.M. Ramsey Ameen

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Walter Donnelly  
Intentions of the Sheridan Family

10:00 A.M. William "Bill" Higgins

Intentions of Msgr. Re Rocco

Neal Cennamo

12:00 P.M. Vincent Spina

Elaine Arendas

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Estella Soto Ray Nyhuis  
Ava Rae Nebbia Matthew Polifonte William Pannone  
Gary Ragusa Alex Haines Evelyn Means  
George Link Michael Soojian Valentina Manuele  
Susan Nichols-Boggio Kevin Kerrigan Ryder Sasso  
Mike Tidaback Robert Moreno Jordan Soroko  
Dorothea King Jerome Foray Sister Annette  
Manuel Esguerra Frank Michaelson Norberto Marin  
Robert Nebbia Christopher Berry Frank Polglaze  
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz Jessica Skorubski  
Florence Grim Anton Grim George Macagnone  
Alex Coronel Alice Roslund Jojie Agular  
Christine Rock Bernie Shushan Jean'na Wojik Post  
Herman Koenig Jason Skorubski Ernest Poeggel  
**DECEASED:** Donna Zirger

**CHURCH MEMORIALS**

**Church Altar Candle** in memory of Elaine Arendas  
requested by William Morrison.

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday, August 4, 2019 – \$4,840.00

Thank you for your continued support.

**WEEKLY REFLECTION**

**Dear Friends in Christ,**

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds his disciples that they have nothing to fear, because God, His Father and theirs, has promised them a place in his kingdom. Jesus wants his disciples to be like servants are ready to welcome the master when he comes home from a wedding banquet. No one on the household staff knows when the party will end; they need to be on the alert for the master's return all night long. Those servants who stay awake and ready when their master returns will get a pleasant surprise: the master will put on an apron, ask them to sit down at the table, and he will serve them a meal. Whether he gets back at midnight, or at three in the morning, or even at dawn, if they're ready, they will be rewarded.

Jesus makes a comparison between a loyal servant who manages the household wisely during the master's absence, making sure to give the other servants the food they need at the proper time. If the servant has carried out his duties properly in the master's absence, not only will the master be pleased, but the servant might be promoted, and placed in charge of the property on a permanent basis. On the other hand, if the servant thinks, "The master is taking a long time to come back", and he starts abuse the other servants, both men and woman, and he eats and drinks too much, and gets drunk, that servant will be severely punished

The lesson is clear, and it applies to all of his disciples, including ourselves: God will be fair when he punishes people who do wrong. The more responsibility God gives us, the greater the graces we receive to guide us in fulfilling our duties. In this gospel, Jesus is preparing us for our Passover from this life to the next. We must always be prepared, because the Lord will come when we do not expect. Once upon a time someone approached Francis of Assisi, and said: "Holy Father Francis ..." "Don't call me holy", Francis interrupted him. "I'm not dead yet." The moral of the story is this: "Live as if today was the first day, the last day, the only day of your life, because one of these days, it will be."



**He Waits With Open Arms** Isn't it ironic that this story, which is one of the best loved in all of Scripture, has a somewhat misleading title? Rather than calling it the parable

of the prodigal son, we should call it the parable of the forgiving father. This is not a story only about one son. It's a story about two sons and their father. And as a parable, this story tells us about our heavenly Father's infinite love for us. The parable of the prodigal son has two distinct goals: it shows us that God wants everyone to know his love, and it shows us that God wants those who know his love to experience it more deeply. In a sense, the prodigal son was "dead" because of the sins he had committed when he was away from home. But the moment he came back, it's as if he had come back to life. Jesus used this fellow to describe people who have not accepted the love that God has for them. They need to turn and come home to him. They need what we would call an "initial conversion." These are the people God asks us to lift up in prayer in a special way – especially our loved ones who are far from the Lord. May they all experience an initial conversion! The prodigal son's older brother, however, was already "alive." He was faithful and hardworking. But he also needed a conversion. He may have been obedient to his father, but a lot of sinful thoughts still occupied his mind. This fellow needed "ongoing conversion," a deeper turning away from his habits of resentment, anger, and self-righteousness. Even if we believe in Jesus, pray every day, and go to Mass regularly, we still need ongoing conversion. We can be trying our best to live good lives and to care for our families. But we can fall into judgmental, self-righteous, self-centered way of thinking. And so God asks us to keep turning to him for help and healing. God welcomes home everyone who comes to him. No matter how big or small our sins, he is always waiting with open arms.

From: The Word Among Us

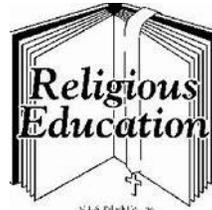
### CARNIVAL BRACELETS

Congratulations, St. Francis parishioners! We out did ourselves this year and donated 81 ride bracelets for the children of needy families. That is \$2,430. Yikes! The carnival crowd on Friday night was not quite as large as the Times Square New Year's Eve crowd, but close. There were kids everywhere-- on rides, eating hamburgers, playing Fishy-Fishy. It was a joy to see. All of his because of your generosity. THANK YOU!!



**NEWS FROM ST. FRANCIS LADIES' GUILD**  
St. Francis Ladies Guild would like to partner with St. Catherine of Bologna Church in selected joint charitable efforts, such as their July collection of new school supplies.

A tote has been placed in the Narthex in hopes that anyone who would like to donate some new back to school supplies will place them in there. Some suggested items are pencils, paper, notebooks, binders, crayons, & backpacks.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS Grades 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>

*"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.*

*Lk. 12:15*

**Please remember vacation from school is Not vacation from God & Church**  
Religious Education Classes resume in September.

Registered families will receive the calendar by mail in August. Hope to see you at Mass.

**Registration is Now Open for NEW STUDENTS FOR THE FALL**

All children attending public school from grades 1-9 should register.

Classes are Mondays: 4:15-5:15 (grades 1-5);

Classes are Sundays: 6:45-7:45 (grades 6-8)

Classes are Sundays – once a month: 6:45-7:45 (grades 9-10)

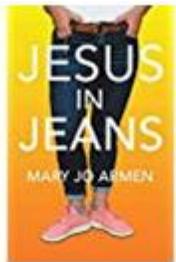
**Please Call the Religious Education Office at 973-835-1946.**

*I AM only one,  
But still I am one.  
I cannot do everything,  
But still I can do something;  
And because I cannot do everything  
I will not refuse to do the something  
That I can do.*

Edward Everett Hale

## JUNK IN THE TRUNK

The Ladies Guild is holding a Junk-in-the-Trunk sale on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, (Rain Date, 9/14) 9AM to 3PM. Food and a 50-50 raffle are planned. Exhibitor space is 16 x 17 (size of 2 parking spaces) and will accommodate one car and one table. Cost is \$25.00. To reserve a space contact Diane at 973-839-1416 / [ladydi240@yahoo.com](mailto:ladydi240@yahoo.com) or Claire at 973-835-9344 for further details. Reservation forms are also at the rectory.



### Mary Jo Armen-Speaker and Book Signing Event

Faith, Hope, Love, and Forgiveness-  
A Recipe for Peace Only the Lord  
Can Give.

Mary Jo Armen, author of *Jesus in Jeans* at Church of the Assumption,  
29 Jefferson Avenue, Emerson, NJ

07630, **Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:30pm.**  
Books can be purchased at the event.

### LOST AND FOUND

A pair of black sunglasses was found in the food booth and have been brought to the rectory. If they are yours, they are here waiting for you!

Also, if anyone took home a Ladies' Guild apron from the food booth, please return it to the rectory. Thank you.

### SCRIPTURE IN THE MASS

Many people think that the Catholic Mass is all rote prayers and rituals. They don't think the Catholic Church is a "Bible church." They couldn't be more wrong. Go to a Catholic Mass and you'll hear loads of Scripture!

Every Mass begins with "In the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit." These are the words of Jesus in Matthew 28:19. The priest then greets the people with a quote from 2 Corinthians 13:13 – "The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all." And if the bishop is celebrating, he'll quote the words of Jesus from John 20:21 – "Peace be with you."

From there you'll hear two or three readings taken from the Old Testament, the New Testament and one of the Gospels. And you'll sing or recite from the Book of Psalms.

From the Gloria to the Holy, Holy to the Lamb of God to the prayer we say right before receiving Holy Communion – "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof, but only say the word and my [soul] shall be healed." – a quote from Matthew 8:8, any Catholic who goes to Mass with any regularity can quote lots of scripture!

## AN INVITATION TO ALL LAY MINISTRY MEMBERS – PLEASE SAVE THE DATE! SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

We are happy to announce that on Saturday evening, September 21, St. Francis will host a gathering of all ministry members to give thanks, share a wonderful dinner, enjoy each other's company ...and maybe even have a few laughs. We're calling this event the *Ministry Mingle*.



While our joy is found in serving the parish and the Lord, no thanks necessary, the parish has decided to host this

event as an outward acknowledgment of its deep appreciation for all that you do. All Choir Member, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Lazarus team members, Catechists, and Ladies' Guild members are welcome. Please expect to hear more about this from your ministry coordinator soon and please do respond, "Yes" to the invitation. Dinner will be a variety of hot foods and side dishes, served buffet style. We've already received a donation of a few bottles of red wine; feel free to BYOB. We look forward to seeing you there, and the more the merrier.



### LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019

Maria Invernon & John Minnett

#### LECTORS

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019

5:30 P.M. Martha Bisaccio & Lynn Magnini

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019

7:30 A.M. Barbara Garruto  
10:00 A.M. Debbie Griffin & Sue Kummer  
12 NOON Henry Mendoza & Joe Darlington

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019

5:30 P.M. Sandy Polglaze

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019

7:30 A.M. Sandy Weigand & Sue Raoul  
10:00 A.M. Mary Avella & Annie Rivera  
12 NOON Matt Kampff & Tony Mazza

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## Gospel Today

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 12:32-48

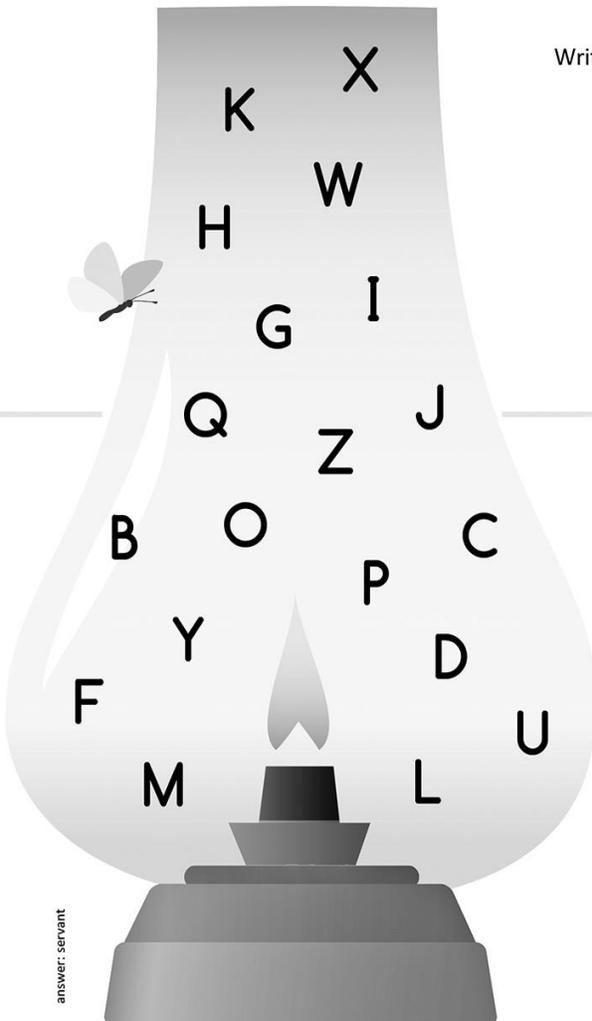
As good and faithful servants we are expected to always be prepared for a visit from God. Are you ready?

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*Be loving and respectful*  
*Be helpful, trustworthy and prayerful*  
*Be kind, generous and forgiving*  
*Be ready, faithful and have hope!*

Write the alphabet letters **NOT** found in the lamp below.



answer: servant

Unscramble the letters above and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

...light your lamp and be like the

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who awaits their master's return...  
 ready to open immediately when he  
 comes and knocks.

Luke 12:35-36